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1. The meeting of the SED Politburo in Berlin 31 March 1949 dealt with the Soviet "Peace Offensive". The Cominform line was presented as follows: The immediate post-war period in which it was expected that the workers in the western nations about a sweeping change in favor of the USSR is evidenced by the Atlantic Pact. The fact that was suggested and supported in most countries by Socialist parties proves that the workers there have again succumbed to the greater economic power of the capitalist governments. The Communist strategy therefore, while not abandoning hopes of an eventual revolution, has shifted its main effort to winning over the intelligentsia.
2. It was stated that the intelligentsia in the western nations is deeply nonpolitical and has not joined the western campaign of "democracy against totalitarianism". The scientists, artists, and authors are "ripe" for an ideology calling not for pacts and alliances but simply for an informal union of all peoples against war. It was emphasized that the target here is the bourgeois intelligentsia. The belief was expressed that the congresses in Breslau last year and in New York and Paris this spring have been very successful in rallying western intellectuals to the Communist side.
3. Moscow has directed that no Communist terminology be used in this campaign. Likewise such congresses and meetings as are held are not to be sponsored by the Party or any well known Communist Front organizations. Instead, peace committees are to be formed throughout the world; important, well-known scientists, poets, artists, etc. are to be pressed into service as leaders in these committees. The Cominform representatives will take action in due time to insure that the committees do not deviate from the Communist course.

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are: to refrain from propaganda in western Germany, to sever overt relations with the KPD, to hasten the formation of intellectual groups in the Russian zone with lines to the West. The "Kulturverordnung" of the DWK, granting special benefits to the intelligentsia, is intended to assist. A special effort will be made to gain the support of the clergy; church property is not to be confiscated and the clergy are to be granted the benefits of the "Kulturverordnung". Their connections with the west German church as well as with the international church and the Ecumenical Council are to be utilized.

5. The "Volksausschüsse" are to be used as a starting point. They are to be expanded to include clergymen. The name may be changed to "Friedensausschüsse". The basic thought is that the motto of "peace" is the only one that has wide appeal for the intelligentsia. The choice for the leading role will vary among artists, scientists, and churchmen according to the temperament of the region. It will be the responsibility of the Party to justify to the workers the special benefits granted the intellectuals.

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